

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method that enables a recipient to inform a carrier of the manner in which the recipient would like the mail delivered, said method comprises the steps of:

depositing with the carrier physical mail containing the recipient's name and physical address and the sender's name and address;

capturing the name and physical address of the recipient and the sender from the physical mail;

translating the name and physical address of the recipient into an e-mail address;

notifying the recipient of the availability of the deposited physical mail;

notifying the carrier of the manner in which the recipient would like the physical mail delivered;

notifying the carrier that the sender does not elect the deposited physical mail to be diverted; and

delivering physical mail to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient to the carrier, if the sender elects to permit the recipient to divert the physical mail.

2. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the sender places an indication on the physical mail specifying that the physical mail should not be diverted by the recipient.

3. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 2, further including the step of:  
charging the sender for placing an indication on the physical mail specifying that the physical mail should not be diverted by the recipient.

4. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the sender places an indication on the physical mail specifying that the physical mail should be delivered only as specified by the sender.

5. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 4, further including the step of:  
charging the sender for placing an indication on the physical mail specifying that the physical mail should be delivered only as specified by the sender.

6. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient notifies a data center who notifies the carrier of the manner in which the recipient would like the physical mail delivered.